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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph in the specification on page 4, in the lines before

"SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION":

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows a plot of activities of deleted beta-actin promoter;

FIG. 2 shows a schematic diagram of construction of intermediate plasmid pGI<sub>PecF</sub>;

FIG. 3 shows a schematic diagram of construction of homology plasmid p45/46<sub>PecF</sub>;

FIG. 4 shows a Western blot assay;

FIG. 5 shows an ELISA titer of survived and non-survived SPF chickens; and

FIG. 6 shows an ELISA titer of survived and non-survived commercial birds.

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